

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 307582
ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /016 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: IO/UNA:BJSHARP

APPROVED BY: IO/UNA:AFHOLLOWAY

S/S-O MVKENNEDY

-----018002 272006Z /50

R 271950Z DEC 77

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 307582

EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM UNA

FOL TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO JIDDA TEHRAN FROM RIYADH
DTD 26 DEC 1977 QTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L RIYADH 397

IS

FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, XF, SA

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PRINCE SAUD ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AND OIL

1. ON DECEMBER 24 I MET IN RIYADH WITH SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER,
PRINCE SAUD AL-FEISAL. I DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS MAJESTY
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR SAUDI POSITION IN CARACAS. I ALSO MENTIONED
VISITS OF SENTATE GROUP, CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI'S CONGRESSIONAL GROUP,
AND POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY MR. SCHLESINGER. PRINCE SAUD SAID THEY
WERE ALL WELCOME AND THAT HE KNEW VARIOUS SAUDI MINISTERS WOULD
LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH THEM.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 307582

2. I GAVE FOREIGN MINISTER COPIES OF THE SUMMARIES OF ISRAELI
PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. (THE ORIGINALS
WERE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO PRINCE FAHD.) SAUD TOLD ME THE ANNOUNCE-
MENTS BY GOI ON PROPOSALS FOR PEACE ARE NOT VERY ENCOURAGING. I
TOLD HIM THAT OUR POSITION WAS NOT TO TRY TO INFLUENCE PROCESS NOW
UNDERWAY EXCEPT TO POINT OUT OBSTACLES THAT HAD TO BE OVERCOME.

I THEN SHARED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES AT CIARO CONFERENCE AS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WANTED TO KNOW IF ANY SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS HAD BEEN MADE IN CAIRO AND IF SECRETARY VANCE INTENDED TO GO. PRINCE SAUD SAID HE HAD HEARD SECRETARY WOULD GO IF LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WAS RAISED TO FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. I TOLD HIM I HAD NO INFORMATION ON THAT.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER THEN SAID HE HAD ONE THING TO RAISE WITH ME - THE REPERCUSSIONS IN THE AREA OF THE CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON ENERGY. SPECIFICALLY HE REFERRED TO SECTION WHICH SAID U.S. SHOULD PERMIT IRAN TO INTERFERE IN GULF AND SAUDI ARABIA IF THE OIL SUPPLIES WERE THREATENED. HE TOLD ME THAT WHILE HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT, OTHERS DID. IT WAS SAME OLD THREAT OF MILITARY INTERVENTION ONLY THIS TIME WITH IRANIAN FORCES NOT U.S. FORCES. HE SAID THIS WAS NOT JUST A WILD REPORT SINCE IT CAME FROM CONGRESS. PRINCE SAUD NOTED THAT IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD DENIED THERE WAS ANY TRUTH IN THE REPORT. THIS IS WHAT SAUDI ARABIA EXPECTED BECAUSE RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE GOOD AND HARMONIOUS. PRINCE SAUD SAID HE HOPED ILL EFFECTS OF REPORT CAN BE DISSIPATED BY A STATEMENT FROM U.S. OFFICIALS THAT THE REPORT DOES NOT REPRESENT U.S. POLICY IN THE AREA. HE ADDED THAT HE FELT IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A DENIAL IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTS WOULD CONTINUE AND THE PRESIDENT WOULD FIND THIS ISSUE FACING HIM DURING HIS TRIP. THAT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE.

4. I POINTED OUT THE NATURE OF THE REPORT- THAT IT WAS FROM CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 307582

THE STAFF AND HAD NO STANDING EVEN BEFORE CONGRESS. IT CERTAINLY DID NOT REPRESENT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. I UNDERTOOK TO SEE WHAT PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAD BEEN OR COULD BE MADE TO CLARIFY ISSUE.

5. ADDENDUM: ON DECEMBER 26, DCM WILEY DELIVERED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY

IN JIDDA A COPY OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT COMMENTING ON WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON JACKSON REPORT.
GNE.GHENH UNQTE VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRINCE, OILS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 27-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE307582
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: IO/UNA:BJSHARP
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770482-0485
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771215/aaaaamdr.tel
Line Count: 104
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: ce580efd-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19-Apr-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 126459
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CONVERSATION WITH PRINCE SAUD ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AND OIL
TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, XF, SA
To: USUN NEW YORK
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/ce580efd-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009